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In response to the Office Action mailed November 13, 2008, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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